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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has added new Claims 48-62 and Claims 1-47 have been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 48-62 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections – Drawings

The drawings were objected to because they were informal. In response, the Applicant is submitting "formal" replacement sheets. The Examiner's approval of these drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 22 has been canceled rendering the rejection of that claim moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 18-21 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Bhagwat et al. (US 6,563,517 hereinafter Bhagwat). The applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 18-21 and 26 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejection with respect to these claims is deemed to be moot. The Examiner's consideration of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 2 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagwat in view of Savitzky, et al. (US 6,571,271 hereinafter Savitzky).

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Claims 13-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagwat in view of Haeberli (US 6,587,596 hereinafter Haeberli).

Claims 16, 17, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagwat in view of Mohan et al. (IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, 1520-9210/99, hereinafter Mohan).

Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagwat in view of Tracton et al. (US 6,470,378 hereinafter Tracton).

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhagwat in view of Gersbach et al. (US 5,418,789 hereinafter Gersbach).

In order to expedite allowance of this application, the Applicant has canceled claims 1-47 without prejudice. The cancellation of these claims renders moot the above 103(a) rejection of claims 2, 6, 13-17, 23-25 and 27.

The Applicant has added new claims 41-62 to better define the intended scope of the claimed invention. The Examiner's consideration of the new claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 28-47 stand rejected because they do not teach any new limitations above claims 1-27. As noted above, claims 28-47 have been canceled and the Applicant respectfully requests the consideration of the new claims.

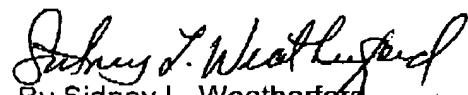
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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